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GREGG PRAISES DC MAYOR FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOL CHOICE ***PLEDGES TO MOVE DC CHOICE LEGISLATION THROUGH THE SENATE***

Washington, DC – At a charter school rally today in the District of Columbia, Mayor Anthony Williams expressed his support for President George W. Bush's school choice plan for the District of Columbia. Senator Judd Gregg praised Williams for his expression of support and vowed to work with the Mayor and other choice supporters in the District to make the President's plan a reality.

"Mayor Williams has proven that his administration is truly committed to making sure every child in the District of Columbia has the opportunity to receive the very best education possible. As chairman of the Senate committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions I pledge to work with him and other choice supporters in the district to move the president's proposal through the United States Senate," Gregg said.

"Every parent in America deserves the right to choose the best school for their child. And every child in America deserves to learn in the best school possible, regardless of their income, regardless of geography, regardless of race, creed or color," Gregg said.

"No child in this country should be left behind in a failing school. The president's voluntary school choice initiative makes it possible to close the achievement gap and ensure that every child in America receives a quality education," said Gregg.

"We will work with our colleagues in the House to introduce and pass legislation that makes the dream of a quality education a reality for every child in the District of Columbia," said Gregg.

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